

What elements of civic learning and engagement are present in these projects?

A group of middle school students, seeing a problem with trash at local playgrounds, interview members of the recreation department in their community to determine the cause of the problem. As a result of their investigation, they join forces with a local parent group and successfully petition the community council to purchase six solar powered, compacting trash cans – one for each playground.

• Students concerned with the issue of climate change conduct research to find out how the town deals with its trash. They present their findings to a local chapter of the Sierra Club, who agree to help them inform the town council about alternative energy options at a meeting of the town council. As a result of the joint presentation, the town council is now considering the purchase of a wind turbine.



